

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

August 21st, 2022

“11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST”

Liturgical Color – Green



DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

*God's Spirit is on me;
He's chosen me to preach the Message of good news to the poor,
Sent me to announce pardon to prisoners
and recovery of sight to the blind,
To set the burdened and battered free,
to announce, "This is God's year to act!"*

(Luke 4:18-19 ... MSG)

* Please stand in stature or in heart as you are able.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Music: William Bradbury, arr. by Joel Raney

OPENING PRAYER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Ruth Duck

God has placed God's hand on you for healing and restoration.

Praise God who lavishes such love on us.

God has called you to special service and witness.

Praise God who encourages us to use our gifts to help others.

Let us rejoice and praise God!

Let our hearts and lives reflect God's mighty love. Amen.

* *O God Who Shaped Creation*

443 (tune # 303 – The Day of Resurrection)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOLLOWED BY MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

**Lord God, we are so bound by rules and regulations
that we fail to see the human need that goes beyond the bounds of structures.**

**We easily relegate compassionate service
to those agencies in our society that have that as their mandate,
forgetting that you have given us the supreme mandate to care for one another,
even as you have cared for us.**

We turn our backs on those in need, giving the responsibility to someone else.

“Let someone else do the work,” we proclaim.

And in that proclamation, we have revealed our selfishness and our inability to be your disciples.

Stop us from our selfish ways, and heal our hardened hearts.

Forgive us, again, as you have so often before

when we have failed to be your witnesses and workers.

Help us become involved in ministries of peace and justice right where we are,

for there is nowhere in creation where your love is not needed.

Let us bring messages of love and hope to all people.

Bring us to an understanding of the partnership of healing and hope that abides in your service.

For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PARDON

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.

Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight.

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Where Children Belong

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This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song: This is where children belong.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

* *Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands*

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TIME OF PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER *(from the ritual of the former Evangelic United Brethren Church)*

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GOD'S WORD:

Luke 13:10-17

(The Liturgist says: "This is the Word of God for ALL people" ... AND ... the People respond: "Thanks BE to God"

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"LOVED BEYOND ..."

PRAYER FOR A NEW HEART

Dag Hammarskjöld

**Thou who art over us,
Thou who art one of us,**

Thou who art:

**Give me a pure heart, that I may see thee;
a humble heart, that I may hear thee;
a heart of love, that I may serve thee;
a heart of faith, that I may abide in thee. Amen.**

* *God of Love and God of Power*

578 (tune # 361 – Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me)

* BENEDICTION

* *Lord, Be Glorified*

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